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We hadn't walked more than 5 steps when I felt arms wrap around my bicep. Based on the lack of sparks and horrible scent that hit my nose I knew it wasn't my mate so I immediately took a step away. I turned and sure enough, it was Normita, the pack slut. I had done what I could to avoid her since I was young and was proud to be able to say I had never let her in my bed. Even Car gave in one time and he regrets it. 1

"Normita, please do not touch me without permission," I told her a bit coldly but it didn't phase her.

"Oh come now Alpha, it's been a long time you've been alone. I've been keeping my space as have the rest of the females in the pack. But word on the street is that you were seen kissing one of the women in the pack in front of the pack house. So you're back in the game, and what better place to start than with me?" She asked me, using what I assumed was supposed to be her seductive voice. She had placed another hand on my arm and I turned when I heard a low growl coming from where I left my mate. Fuck. I didn't want Lorraine to think anything was going on but I also didn't want her to rip Normita's head off before I even announce her as my mate.

Trying to defuse the situation, I decided to use the honesty route.

I pulled Normita's hand off of me and took a step away. I

held out my hand and turned my gaze to my mate, silently requesting she come to me. She came over without hesitation but her eyes never left the slut in front of me. There was anger rolling off her as she crossed the short distance and she looked hot as fuck as her possessiveness took over.

Once she reached me I wrapped an arm around her waist.

"Normita, this beautiful creature whom someone saw me kissing today, is my mate, Lorraine. Raine, this is the pack slut, Normita," I looked straight into Normita's eyes as I referred to her as a slut, hoping she would get the hint. Instead I saw a shimmer of pride in her eyes that made me disgusted. 3

Raine extended her hand politely and when Normita took it she closed her grasp tighter around her and looked her dead in the eyes.

"It is a pleasure to meet you. Your business with the men in this pack is not my business and I won't make it as such. However if I ever see touching my mate in any way whatsoever I will rip your throat out before you finish spewing off whatever whore line you are currently using to try and get him into bed, am I clear?"

Her voice was clear, kind and sweet as she threatened Normita with her life and I felt all the blood rush to my jeans watching her. Normita was taken aback and pulled her hand out of Raine's grasp.

"Mate? Is this a joke? You had a mate, she left." Normita said frankly.

“That is true, Raine is my second chance mate, she is a Molina, and she is your Luna so I suggest you show her some respect before you learn what happens if you don’t,” I told her.

“Some Luna, the first thing you do is threaten me? Caroline never minded when women flirted with the Alpha, some Luna you will make,” She said disrespectfully to Raine. I was shocked by what she had said. I remember women flirting when I was with Caroline, I did not know she didn’t care. I also wasn’t surprised though.

“Well, I am not Caroline. And unlike Caroline, I had no intention of ever letting Alex go. He is Mine, and I am his, and making advances towards him will not be tolerated and I know that most if not all women with mates in this pack will stand by me in not wanting any of you near him,” Raine said with an authoritative and decisive tone.

Goddess it was hot watching her claim me. Normita seemed to be shocked and at a loss of words and it made it all the better.

“Now, baby, you go and do what you need to do, and I will meet you as soon as you are done, alright?” Raine says as she snuggles into my chest for good measure and it makes my wolf howl in my mind.

“Sounds perfect, love. I’ll only be a few minutes.”

I watched as she walked away and I turned with Car and we all left Normita standing there. Car had a huge smile on his face as we walked toward Alpha Garcia.

"I like her," Car said happily.

I chuckled and agreed with him. I liked her too, a lot.

We found Alpha Garcia at his table enjoying his food. He hadn't found his mate yet but had brought along his Gamma for the meetings.

Car and I greeted him and joined him at the table which was at the far end of everyone else. I had asked the largest pack's leaders to come for a meeting. The rogue problem was getting out of hand and we were all dealing with attacks. Garcia and I had a suspicion that it was more organized than random rogues so we agreed this meeting would be beneficial. 1

He informed me that the Alpha's from Italy and Germany were coming in today and the Alpha from France would be here in the morning. There were a dozen other packs in Europe but these were the largest, all of us having over 1000 members and so we figured we would start with us. If we are all on the same page then we can help the smaller packs if needed.

"I must warn you, Alpha Lorenzo of Italy took a mate," Garcia tells me.

"Took a mate?" Car asks him, as confused as I with the terminology chosen.

"Yes, apparently he decided that he was done looking. He chose a woman as his mate and marked her. Apparently she had a mate but he died and they have been sleeping together for years. A lot of my sources say she is conniving,

and convinced Lorenzo to just make her Luna. The general feeling of her is that she is untrustworthy, and my sister used the term "two faced bitch" describing the way she is with the pack versus Lorenzo," he told us, slightly more gossipy than I usually prefer but I understood his concern.

Taking a woman as your Luna who was not your mate when you hadn't met your mate was a dangerous game. It seems the Luna's mate was gone but Lorenzo was still young, 23 maybe and had plenty of time to find his. If he did find her, even after he made this other woman luna and marked her, it would be hell for him and potentially his pack. He will still want her as she is destined for him. And last I spoke to Lorenzo he spoke confidently of his plan to wait for his mate, his rightful Luna. I wondered what had happened in the time since then. 1

"So you do not trust his Luna?" I said.

"Not one bit. In the time since he made her Luna she has made changes to the pack and Lorenzo has begun to rule differently," He told us.

"How do you know this?" Car asked, I was wondering the same.

"I sent my sister over there. She is 18, has been looking for her mate in our pack with no luck. So they allowed her to spend a month there, meeting everyone in the pack and surrounding packs to look for her mate."

I smiled a knowing smile. "Subtle."

"Thank you, I had my suspicions when I heard about him

taking this mate 5 months ago. Oh and to top it off, I guess they are already expecting a pup," Garcia adds.

"No doubt to ensure his loyalty to her, even if his mate arrives," Car said.

"I just wanted to let you know before everyone else arrives. It could be nothing, and I in no way think they have anything to do with our rogue issue, I just think that in general, our relationships with Lorenzo need to be re-evaluated as if they are new since this Luna came around. Things are different. And this meeting will be the first time I have seen him since he chose her as well," Garcia said, finishing the discussion.

"I greatly appreciate it, All of it. Now, if you will excuse me, I have to go make the announcements to the pack. I would prefer to do it before the other alphas arrive." He nodded, understanding and I made my way through the crowd searching for Raine, my mind distantly hoping that this new Italy Luna wouldn't cause trouble for any of us.

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